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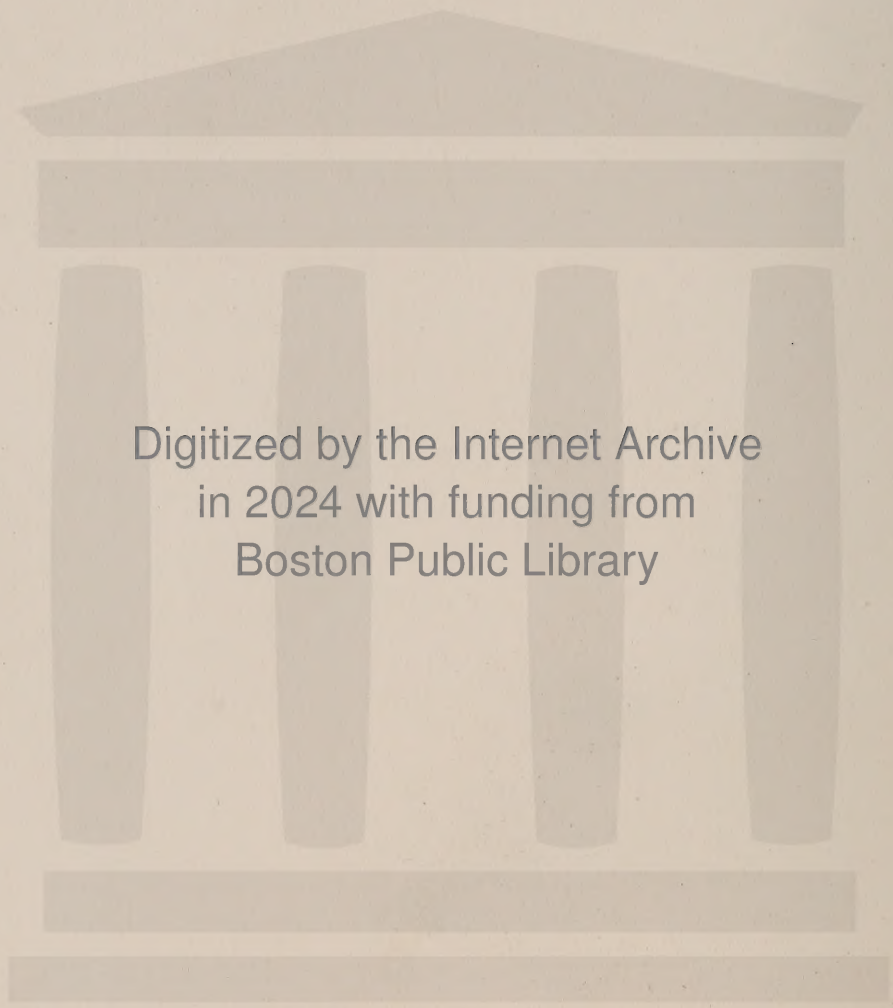
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to the

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Of London, England

on the occasion of the Banquet given to that Honourable Body by the

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Of Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

at the

NEW KING'S HALL, HOLBORN RESTAURANT

on

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 9, 1896

Composed by

HENRY DEAN ATWOOD

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Tune, "God Save the Queen."

I.

Long live this Ancient Corps;
And may it evermore
Be England's pride.
Long may its banner wave
Above the loyal brave,
Confronting danger grave,
Should it betide.

II.

Afar beyond the sea
A body, sprung from thee,
Doth have its home;
Thy children greet thee here;
Thou art a parent dear,
To whom their hearts are near,
Too fixed to roam.

III.

Ne'er may the fatal hour
Of war's opposing power
Peal out anew.
And ne'er may hatred rise,
To rupture friendly ties
That make us fond allies,
And comrades true.

IV.

And, if, in time to come,
The sound of fife and drum
Smite either land,
Let not the martial tread
Be on our fallen dead;
Let not the blood be shed
By brothers' hand.

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